

3. The intra-nasal clip of claim 2 wherein said inner surface is provided with a coating of soft material.

4. The intra-nasal clip of claim 3 wherein said soft material comprises fabric.

5. The intra-nasal clip of claim 4 wherein said band is comprised of aluminum.

6. The intra-nasal clip of claim 4 wherein said band is comprised of plastic.

7. An assembly of said intra-nasal clips as in Claim 1 wherein said assembly comprises a plurality of intra-nasal clips contained within a plurality of attached, user-detachable sealed packaging pouches wherein a respective single unit of said clip is enclosed within each respective packaging pouch.

8. The assembly of claim 7 wherein said packaging pouches comprise an odor and oxygen barrier.

9. The assembly of claim 8 wherein said respective packaging pouches have weakening means for facilitating user tear-off of individual packaging pouches as desired.

10. The assembly of claim 9 wherein said weakening means comprises perforations between respective packaging pouches.

11. A method of altering a dental patient's exposure to foul odors during a dental procedure, comprising the steps of:

affixing absorbent pads to the ends of a soft, bendable arcuate band having two ends and a reverse curvature near each respective end;

impregnating said absorbent pads with a pleasant-smelling odorant;

inserting said ends of said band into the nostrils of the dental patient;

wrapping said band around the end of the dental patient's nose;

gently pressing said band into contact with the right and left sides of the inner nasal septum of the user, for grasping contact therebetween;

ensuring that said reverse curvatures near said ends cause separation between the surface of the user's nasal septum and said odorant pads; and

removing said intra-nasal clip at the end of the dental procedure or sooner if desired.

FOOTNOTES

12. An odor desensitizing intra-nasal clip for persons exposed to intense, vile odors, at malodorous locations, including at least one of crime scene investigations, autopsies, sewage systems and hazardous occupational environments, comprising.

a bendable arcuate band extending between distal ends, said ends having odor emitting means affixed thereon;

said band having an inner surface coextensive with said band, said inner surface for intra-nasal contacting the respective right and left sides of a user's nasal septum, when said distal ends are inserted into a user's right and left nostrils with said band wrapped around the distal end of the nasal septum;

said band having a pair of reverse curvatures near said respective distal ends, said reverse curvatures providing for separation of said ends from contact with the surface of the user's nasal septum.

13. The clip of Claim 12 wherein said odor emitting means comprises a pair of absorbent pads attached to said distal ends; said pads having an odorant absorbed therewithin.

14. The clip of claim 13 wherein said inner surface is provided with a coating of soft material.

15. The clip of Claim 14 wherein said soft material comprises fabric.

16. The clip of Claim 12 wherein said band is comprised of aluminum.

17. The clip of Claim 12 wherein said band is comprised of plastic.

18. The intra-nasal clip as in Claim 1 wherein said intra-nasal clip comprises a plurality of intra-nasal clips contained within a plurality of attached, user-detachable sealed packaging pouches wherein a respective single unit of said clip is enclosed within each respective packaging pouch.

19. The device of Claim 18 wherein said packaging pouches comprise an odor and oxygen barrier.

20. The device of Claim 19 wherein said respective packaging pouches have weakening means for facilitating user tear-off of individual packaging pouches as desired.

21. The device of Claim 20 wherein said weakening means comprises perforations between respective packaging pouches.

22. A method of altering a person's exposure to foul odors at malodorous locations, including at least one of crime scene investigations, autopsies, sewage disposal systems and hazardous occupational environments, comprising the steps of:

a. affixing absorbent pads to the ends of a soft, bendable arcuate band having two ends and a reverse curvature near each respective end;

b. impregnating said absorbent pads with a pleasant-smelling odorant;

c. packaging said arcuate band in a sealed pouch having an odor and oxygen barrier;

d. opening said pouch at the beginning of a procedure at the malodorous location;

- e. inserting said ends of said band into the nostrils of the user;
- f. wrapping said band around the end of the user's nose;
- g. gently pressing said band into contact with the right and left sides  
of the inner nasal septum of the user, for grasping contact therebetween;
- h. ensuring that said reverse curvatures near said ends cause  
separation between the surface of the user's nasal septum and said odorant pads;  
and,
- i. removing said clip at the end of the procedure or sooner if desired.